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Prince Andrew and Virginia Giuffre reach '£10m' settlement over sexual abuse claim

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Virginia Giuffre 
@VRSVirginia



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A frequent companion of Epstein, Brunel was considered central to the French investigation into alleged sexual exploitation of women and girls by the US financier and his circle.

Epstein travelled often to France and had property in Paris.

Many women have identified themselves as victims and spoken to police since the French probe was opened in 2019.

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“It makes me angry, because I’ve been fighting for years,” said the Dutch former model who told police she was raped by Brunel as a teenager.

“For me, the end of this was to be in court. And now that whole ending, which would help form closure, is taken away from me.”

Anne-Claire Lejeune, a lawyer representing Ms Huisman and other victims, said other women involved in the case felt the same.



“Great disappointment, great frustration that (the victims) won’t get justice,” she said.

She expressed doubt the investigation would lead to a trial because Brunel was so central to the case.

Brunel’s death comes just days after Prince Andrew settled a civil sexual assault case brought against him by Ms Giuffre.

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